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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATING SIGNALING  
SYSTEM 7 (SS7) USER PART MESSAGES AMONG SS7 SIGNALING  
POINTS (SPs) AND INTERNET PROTOCOL (IP) NODES USING  
SIGNAL TRANSFER POINTS (STPs)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated January  
29, 2003, having a 1-month term for Response that will expire on February 28,  
2003. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following  
Election and Remarks.

RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

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<u>Groups</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
I	1-10 and 48-57	Drawn to transmission of user part messages, classified in class 370, subclass 467
II	11-14 and 58-61	Drawn to encapsulation of user part messages, classified in class 370, subclass 474
III	15-25 and 62-71	Drawn to the processing of encapsulated messages, classified in class 370, subclass 466
IV	25-31 and 62-71	Drawn to recovery in response to socket failure, classified in class 370, subclass 216
V	32-34	Drawn to a data structure, classified in class 370, subclass 469
VI	35-47	Drawn to a signal transfer point, classified in class 370, subclass 410

APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-10 and 48-57, drawn to transmission of user part messages, classified in class 370, subclass 467, for prosecution at this time. Accordingly, Applicants hereby cancel non-elected claims 11-14 and 58-61, 15-24 and 62-71, 25-31 and 72-78, 32-34, and 35-47, while reserving the right to file related application(s) based on claims 11-14 and 58-61, 15-25 and 62-71, 25-31 and 72-78, 32-34, and 35-47.